

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

ORDER

Whereas the President of the United States and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia have declared states of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas the County of Cumberland has issued a Declaration of Local Emergency;

This Court authorizes and **ORDERS** the Clerk of this Court to adopt and implement the attached Amended Operating Procedures for the Cumberland County Circuit Court Clerk's Office effective April 10, 2020, and **ORDERS** that these procedures shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded.

ENTER: April 10, 2020

DONALD C. BLESSING, JUDGE

CLERK'S OFFICE



Circuit Court of Cumberland County

DEIDRE D. MARTIN, CLERK

Hon. Kimberley S. White Hon. Donald C. Blessing Hon. S. Anderson Nelson Hon. J. William Watson Judges

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AMENDED: April 10, 2020

IN RE: CUMBERLAND CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OPERATING PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

In an effort to reduce the need to physically come into the office due to the outbreak of COVID-19, this office will begin to implement the following policy effective immediately until further notice:

- Our office is open during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). We encourage you to transact
 any business with the Clerk's Office by US postal mail, telephone, email or other electronic means and
 avoid coming into the Clerk's Office, if at all possible.
- Secure Remote Access (SRA) fees will be waived until May 18, 2020. If you currently have a subscription
 to SRA, you will be given an extension of 60 days on your current due date. Please contact our office by
 phone to request the application. Our land records are online from January 2, 1993 to present and all
 other public records are online from January 1, 2001 to present.
- Officer of the Court Remote Access (OCRA) fees will be waived until May 18, 2020. If you currently have
 a subscription to OCRA, you will be given an extension of 60 days on your current due date. Please
 contact our office by phone to request the application.
- Payments for court cost and restitution payments are accepted online, by phone or by mail. If you do
 not know how to apply your payment, please visit the Cumberland County Circuit Court Website, or call
 our office at 804-492-4442.
- The area behind the counter in the Clerk's office is for Circuit Court Personnel Only. You will not be allowed into that area unless you are there on official Circuit Court business, i.e. An officer filing a sealed search warrant; someone from the sheriff's department delivering or picking up papers; an employee from General District or Juvenile & Domestic Relations Courts delivering paperwork or cases; an employee of county administration that may have pertinent documents for our office; an employee from the Commonwealth Attorney's Office delivering documents to be filed or documents for the Judge; a Judge or Judge's assistant; or immediate family members of staff (exceptions may be made as determined by the Clerk). Please allow distance at the counter to avoid person to person contact.
- If you have a court case scheduled between now and April 27, 2020, in Cumberland Circuit Court, please
 contact your attorney as to the status of your case. If you do not have an attorney, please call our office.
 Unless you are advised differently, you may still need to appear in Court.
- Probate appointments will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact our office by phone for further information.
- The Clerk's Office staff will not assist the public in the records room, with research, or making copies.